## SUBCOMMITTEE:

1	HOUSE BILL NO. 2069
2	AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3	(Proposed by the House Committee on/for
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5	(Patrons Prior to SubstituteDelegates McQuinn and Walker [HB 1797])
6	A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-742.1, 46.2-742.2, 46.2-745.1, and 46.2-745.2 of the Code of
7	Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 46.2-725.3, 46.2-745.4,
8	and 46.2-745.5, relating to special license plates; military decorations.
9	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
10	1. That §§ 46.2-742.1, 46.2-742.2, 46.2-745.1, and 46.2-745.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended
11	and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 46.2-725.3,
12	46.2-745.4, and 46.2-745.5 as follows:
13	§ 46.2-725.3. Special license plates for recipients of certain military decorations.
14	A. No special license plate for recipients of a military decoration shall be considered by the General
15	Assembly unless and until the person or entity seeking the authorization of such special plate has
16	demonstrated to the satisfaction of the General Assembly the order of precedence of such military
17	decoration as determined by the federal Department of Defense or other relevant federal agency.
18	B. Any special license plate for recipients of a military decoration falling below the Medal of
19	Honor and above the Purple Heart in order of precedence shall be authorized for issuance by the
20	Department with a \$10 one-time fee in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates. Any special
21	license plate for recipients of a military decoration falling below the Purple Heart in the order of
22	precedence shall be authorized for issuance by the Department with a \$10 annual special license plate fee
23	in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates. Special license plates for recipients of the Purple
24	Heart shall be issued as provided in § 46.2-742. The Department is authorized to issue an additional plate
25	reflecting the "V" for Valor for any plate currently issued by the Department reflecting a military
26	decoration that the federal Department of Defense or other relevant federal agency has determined is

27 eligible for the "V" for Valor Device. The Department shall charge only the prescribed cost of state license 28 plates for any plate design reflecting the "V" for Valor Device. C. Notwithstanding § 46.2-725, special license plates for the recipients of a military decoration are 29 **30** exempt from subdivisions B 1 and 2 of § 46.2-725. Unremarried surviving spouses of individuals eligible 31 to receive such special license plates are also authorized to receive such special license plates. § 46.2-742.1. Special license plates for persons awarded the Bronze Star, Bronze Star with a **32** 33 "V" for valor, or the Silver Star; fee. 34 On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant has been awarded a Bronze Star, Bronze Star with a "V" for valor, or Silver Star Medal, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant 35 **36** special license plates. For each set of license plates issued under this section, other than those that reflect the Bronze **37** 38 Star, the Commissioner shall charge the prescribed cost of state license plates. For Bronze Star license **39** plates, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time **40** fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued. 41 The provisions of subdivisions B 1 and 2-of subsection B of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license 42 plates issued under this section. 43 The design of license plates issued under this section to persons who have been awarded multiple 44 decorations shall reflect the number of such decorations. 45 Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this 46 section may also be issued special license plates under this section. 47 § 46.2-742.2. Special license plates for persons awarded the Navy Cross, the Distinguished 48 Service Cross, the Air Force Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross, or the Distinguished Flying 49 Cross with a "V" for Valor. **50** On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant has been awarded the Navy 51 Cross, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Air Force Cross, or the Distinguished Flying Cross, or the **52** Distinguished Flying Cross with a "V" for Valor, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special

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license plates.

The provisions of subdivisions <u>B</u> 1 and 2 of <u>subsection B of</u> § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates issued under this section.

Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this section may also be issued special license plates under this section.

The design of license plates issued under this section to persons who have been awarded multiple decorations shall reflect the number of such decorations.

For each set of license plates issued under this section, other than those that reflect the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Commissioner shall charge the prescribed cost of state license plates. For Distinguished Flying Cross license plates, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued.

## § 46.2-745.1. Special license plates for persons awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, the Airman's Medal, the Army Soldier's Medal, or the Coast Guard Medal.

On receipt of an application and written confirmation from one of the armed services of the United States that the applicant has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, the Airman's Medal, the Army Soldier's Medal, or the Coast Guard Medal, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to such persons. No fee shall be charged for the issuance of these license plates under this section to any one motor vehicle owned and used personally by any applicant. For each additional set of license plates issued to an applicant under this section, the Commissioner shall charge the prescribed fee for state license plates. For each set of license plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued.

It shall be unlawful for any person who is not a person described in this section to willfully and falsely represent himself as having the qualifications to obtain the special license plates herein provided for.

The provisions of subdivisions B 1 and 2 of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates issued under this section.

Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this section may also be issued special license plates under this section.

81	§ 46.2-745.2. Special license plates for persons awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary
82	Medal.
83	On receipt of an application and written confirmation from one of the armed services that the
84	applicant has been awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Commissioner shall issue special
85	license plates to such persons and to unremarried surviving spouses of such persons.
86	For each set of plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the
87	prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time an annual fee of \$10-at the time the plates are issued.
88	It shall be unlawful for any person who is not a person described in this section to willfully and
89	falsely represent himself as having the qualifications to obtain the special license plates herein provided
90	for.
91	The provisions of subdivisions B 1 and 2 of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates issued
92	under this section.
93	Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this
94	section may also be issued special license plates under this section.
95	§ 46.2-745.4. Special license plates for persons awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the
96	Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Marine Corps Distinguished Service Medal, or the Air Force
97	Distinguished Service Medal.
98	On receipt of an application and written confirmation from one of the armed services that the
99	applicant has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the
100	Marine Corps Distinguished Service Medal, or the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, the
101	Commissioner shall issue special license plates to such persons.
102	For each set of plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the
103	prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued.
104	It shall be unlawful for any person who is not a person described in this section to willfully and
105	falsely represent himself as having the qualifications to obtain the special license plates herein provided

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107	The provisions of subdivisions B 1 and 2 of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates issued
108	under this section.
109	Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this
110	section may also be issued special license plates under this section.
111	§ 46.2-745.5. Special license plates for persons awarded the Defense Distinguished Service
112	Medal or the Defense Superior Service Medal.
113	On receipt of an application and written confirmation from one of the armed services that the
114	applicant has been awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal or the Defense Superior Service
115	Medal, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to such persons.
116	For each set of plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the
117	prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued.
118	It shall be unlawful for any person who is not a person described in this section to willfully and
119	falsely represent himself as having the qualifications to obtain the special license plates herein provided
120	<u>for.</u>
121	The provisions of subdivisions B 1 and 2 of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates issued
122	under this section.
123	Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this
124	section may also be issued special license plates under this section.
125	2. That all license plates issued pursuant to § 46.2-745.1 or 46.2-745.2 of the Code of Virginia prior
126	to July 1, 2021, shall remain valid until their expiration and shall be renewed under the provisions
127	of § 46.2-745.1 or 46.2-745.2 of the Code of Virginia as they existed prior to July 1, 2021.

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